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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 007328 SENT ACTION MUSCAT, JIDDA, CAIRO
INFO TEHRAN SECDEF DATED 12 JAN 1975:

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SUBJECT: TOW MISSILES FOR OMAN

REF: DA MSG DTG 1116057

1. DURING VISIT SULTAN QABOOS IN WASHINGTON, USG OFFERED
SELL TOW ANTI-TANK MISSILES TO OMAN. SULTAN HAS ACCEPTED
IN PRINCIPLE. ASSUMING LETTER OF OFFER SIGNED BY JAN 14
BY OMANIS, PRESENT PLANNING CALLS FOR SHIPMENT OF FEW
LAUNCHERS AND MISSILES FROM US DIRECT TO OMAN WED. JAN. 15,
WITH ADDITIONAL SHIPMENT(S) WATER. USAF FLIGHT WILL ALSO
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INCLUDE TWO DOD TECHNICIANS TO DEMONSTRATE USE OF

MISSILE TO OMANI ARMED FORCES. IF CAN BE ARRANGED, FLIGHT WILL ALSO INCLUDE 2000 CLAYMORE MINES PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON.

2. FOR MUSCAT: PLEASE ADVISE SAF OF FOREGOING AND ADVISE THAT FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE REPORTED AS KNOWN. SUGGEST CHARGE ZWEIFEL TALK DIRECTLY TO SAF COMMANDER CREASEY.

3. WE UNDERSTAND FROM AMB. WOLLE THAT CREASEY LAST OCTOBER SAID WOULD PREFER TOW DELIVERY TO SEEB AIRPORT, NEAR APPROPRIATE OMANI TRAINING FACILITIES, RATHER THAN DIRECTLY TO SALALAH. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS STILL PREFERENCE.

4. US TECHNICIANS EXPECTED REMAIN IN OMAN 3-4 WEEKS. MAY ARRIVE OMAN WITHOUT PASSPORTS. IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE ARRANGE WAIVER PASSPORT/VISA ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, AND ADVISE DEPT.

5. DEPT WILL REPORT FURTHER DETAILS SULTAN'S VISIT BY SEPTELS.

6. FOR JIDDA AND CAIRO: DOD HAS COMMUNICATED INSTRUCTIONS TO US MILATTS TO REQUEST EXPEDITIOUS OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA. PLEASE ASSIST. KISSINGER UNQTE KISSINGER

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